Subject: Re: can i place a job advert Posted by thompson on Mon, 26 Nov 2001 16:24:40 GMT

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Paul van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> writes:

> "Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:

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- >> Oh, people have done much worse things here and got away with it. Like
- >> admitting to using common blocks. Go ahead...
- > Wot's wrong with common blocks? They seem like guite useful beasties to me.

Paul:

You obviously don't belong to the right religion. ;^)

Seriously, I also use common blocks. I use them because:

- 1. They're easy, and get the job done.
- 2. Not everything is a widget program!!!
- 3. Even in widget programs, they can be used to maintain information after the widget program has been killed.

The main objections to common blocks have been:

- 1. Sloppy programming can cause problems, if different programs have different versions of the common block. That's pretty easy to get around, though. Typically, I use include files, so that all programs have exactly the same common blocks.
- 2. In widget programs, common blocks restrict you to only one copy of the widget at any one time. I think this is sometimes overemphasized, but is certainly a true disadvantage.

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